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## Washington State Legislative Building Rehabilitation Project

I just wanted to drop a note to update folks on some of the current and upcoming activities associated with the Rehabilitation Project.

### **Moving Plan: Still Cleaning the Attic**

Yup – we’re still trying to clean out the building. We’ve been going through a special effort to recycle as much material as possible and we’ve had quite a bit of success in finding new homes for stuff that could wind up in a landfill. We’ve been working with Bob MacKenzie (Manager, Plant Operations) that runs the Consortium group. He offers the members of his Consortium an opportunity to share resources – information, surplus materials, experience, job opportunities, etc. Bob has advised his membership about our surplus materials and has generated a lot of response. One example of our tenant generosity is a set of air conditioning units install by the Treasurer’s office. These package units are perfect units for small agency facilities that can’t afford to repair broken air conditioning units, let alone install new ones. The Treasurer has authorized us to remove and distribute the equipment to authorized agencies.

We are also busy in our continued effort to remove all the window treatments in the Leg Building. There were approximately 1,500 different drapes, blinds and shutters in the building. Many of them were historical, significant or expensive and required special handling. Custom storage racks needed to be installed at our warehouse to provide safe storage and careful handling is needed on these items that are somewhat fragile. We expect this work to be completed by the end of July.

Our campus conservator has suggested that we further protect our precious belongings in the warehouse by covering them with a fabric that will keep off dust – but not harm the furnishings & drapes. Our good friend – Bob Mackenzie again enters the picture. He was able to locate 8 surplus parachutes for us – each one is 64 ft in diameter ( for you geometry buffs – that’s 3,218.285712 sq feet/each! ). These parachutes will provide plenty of material to protect our precious cargo – Thanks Bob!

### **Construction Update:**

Work on the hazardous material abatement has begun. Scaffolding is being install in the upper areas of the dome to allow the workers to have access to drain pipes that are wrapped in asbestos. As work is completed, air samples are taken and tested to make sure that no asbestos fibers have been released into the building environment. GA’s own

environmental services group will review the test procedures and test results to confirm that the building continues to be a safe setting.

The Historic Salvage and Temporary Protection portion of the work is well underway and is beginning to change the look of the building interior. Protective plywood walls are being installed to protect the marble at the entry ways and on the 4th floor passages to the dome elevator and dome stairwell. We are also protecting a passage to the northeast staircase in the rotunda. This will provide an emergency pathway for the workers and any emergency rescue personnel.

I have attached some photos to give you an idea of how the interior currently looks. More pictures in future reports.



Protection – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor South Entry



Floor Protection on 4<sup>th</sup> Floor



Protection of Public Elevator



4<sup>th</sup> Floor Protection in Rotunda

Bid Package 103 (Seismic & Structural Upgrades ) is expected to be opened in late July with all of the packages bid out by late Fall, 2002.

### **SPECIAL NOTE!**

We have been receiving reports from some workers in our neighboring buildings about “lost” visitors to the campus. Many folks are showing up and learning about the work on the Leg Building for the first time. These folks are filled with questions and are

sometimes upset about not being able to go into the Leg Building. We are grateful to our good friends and neighbors on campus for giving your time and energy toward helping these folks.

If you happen to be one of the folks stopped by a visitor, I hope that these updates will give you some information to share. I also invite you to direct the visitor to our Campus Visitor Services office at the east end of the Flag Circle (with the big sign & blue and white circus awnings over the front doors). Sandy DeShaw and her folks in Visitor Services have developed a great alternative tour for the visitors. They are also building a tremendous knowledge base about this project. The contractor has taken extraordinary steps in keeping them advised about the construction progress and schedule.

And as always, I welcome any questions or suggestions. If you know someone that should be included in this e-mail distribution, drop me a note and I'll add them to my ever-growing subscription list (Newsweek is starting to get envious)

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